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MR. EISENHOWER GAVE VON NEUMANN A RECESS APPOINTMENT. THE SENATE MUST CONFIRM THE ACTION WHEN IT RECONVENES.

SENATE ACTION PROBABLY WILL NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL NEXT JANUARY. THE SENATE SESSION WHICH CONVENES NOV. 8 WILL CONSIDER CENSURE CHARGES AGAINST SEN. MCCARTHY.

VON NEUMANN, 50, IS A BUDAPEST-BORN MATHEMATICIAN AND A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY.

A POLITICAL INDEPENDENT, HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION'S GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN RECENT YEARS.

HE ALSO HAS SERVED ON SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARDS FOR THE AIR FORCE AND THE ARMY, AND HAS BEEN A CONSULTANT WITH THE SUPER-SECRET CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. HIS AIR FORCE DUTIES HAVE LARGELY CONVERGED ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

VON NEUMANN WAS A PROFESSOR AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY FROM 1931 THROUGH 1933.

VON NEUMANN, A VETERAN OF U.S. ATOMIC WEAPONS RESEARCH, IS CREDITED WITH SPEEDING DEVELOPMENT OF THE H-BOMB BY PROVIDING QUICK MEANS OF SOLVING THE INTRICATE MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS POSED BY THERMONUCLEAR REACTIONS.

VON NEUMANN HAS BEEN A PIONEER IN PERFECTION OF ELECTRONIC "BRAINS" NOW WIDELY IN USE FOR MAKING IN MINUTES CALCULATIONS THAT WOULD TAKE MATHEMATICIANS YEARS TO FINISH WITH PENCIL AND PAPER.

DR. NORRIS BRADBURY, DIRECTOR OF THE AEC'S LOS ALAMOS (N.M.), BOMB LABORATORY HAS SAID H-BOMBS LIKE THOSE TESTED IN NOVEMBER, 1952, AND LAST SPRING COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PUT TOGETHER WITHOUT VON NEUMANN'S ELECTRONIC COMPUTATIONS.

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